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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Fitzgerald et al.

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For: COLLAPSIBLE BUOYANCY DEVICE FOR  
RISERS ON OFFSHORE STRUCTURES

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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action of January 15, 2004, please consider this amendment filed with a request for one month extension and accompanying fee. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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